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My dear Sarah

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I want you to keep Fénélon, for I have found another copy for myself, and I would like you to have that one. I am so glad you like it as Kate & I do. Kate is with me now, and will remain a good part of the summer I hope. Since her return from Orange she has seemed really better. She has not once had the horrid "dream feeling, and is able to do more than she could a year ago. For instance this morning she got up at 7 1/2, and walked with me down on the beach, and yesterday we went and sat several hours on the rocks in the middle of the day.. She seems to feel more confidence in herself, and I think she has more self-control. Of course we must expect that if the weather gets hot, she will be less well, and doubtless she will have her ups & downs, but I do think that she is improved. She has been through a great deal lately, before coming back, which pulled her down and made her rather thin. The last few weeks in N. Y. were very hard to bear, and she seems to have been forlorn at Orange, so the delight of getting home is greater by contrast. Miss Birckhead is going to Mt. Desert next month probably, and Kate talks of joining her there, but I do not believe will do so. She came here on the 10th, and I came on the 14th. Before that I passed a few days at Cohasset with the drawing class I have been enjoying so much this Spring. We sketched all the time, very badly of course, but it was extremely amusing, and somewhat profitable I think. I expect. (Mme Bragin ?) our teacher in August when she will have a class for sketching which of course I shall join. My sister Mrs. Winthrop is at Lenox this summer, much to our regret. It seems hard to lose so much of our little nephew's babyhead. Ida is staying there now, and as Father is also away for a few days, Kate & I are keeping house together. We are reading very diligently, and intend drawing out a plan of how much to do every day, so as to be very systematic. Today we began directly after breakfast, she with German I with Greek, and worked for about two hours. Then we read aloud for another

couple of hours or more--a very nice book by Igewhitt ?  
--"Christian Art & Symbolism." We have also on hand a new book by Stephens with the high sounding title of "Liberty Equality Fraternity," Palgrave's "Travels in Eastern Arabia" & Taine's "English Notes," not to speak of sundry novels waiting to be read. Does not that sound industrious for a summer in this dolce far niente Newport. I want to hear all about you, and hope you will let me hear from you very soon. That "Mother Margaret" I spoke to you about, I got at Patrick Donahoe's in Boston. It is a ponderous volume, and I do not know if you would care enough about it to own it. If you like I will lend you mine when I have finished it. With love,

Yrs affly

Ellen Mason

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